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RESPONSE TO "SEQUENCE LISTING" REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply, mailed April 10, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

We assume that ITI-D1 and EpiNE-7 have the same 3D configuration in solution as BPTI. Although EpiNE-7 and ITI-D1 are identical at positions 13, 17, 20, 32, and 39, they differ greatly in their affinities for hNE. To improve the affinity of ITI-D1 for hNE, the EpiNE-7 sequence Val₁₅-Ala₁₆-Met₁₇-Phe₁₈-Pro₁₉-Arg₂₀ (of SEQ ID NO:9) (bold, underscored amino acids are alterations) was incorporated into the ITI-D1 sequence by cassette mutagenesis between the EagI and